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Glass is generally difficult to procure in Poland; specifically, the following types of glass are hard to obtain:

- a) Glass tubes for vacuums and level indicators.
- b) "Klinger's" glass.
- c) Glass for all types of manometers.
- d) Glass for carpenter's levels.
- e) Water glass (szklo wodne).
- f) Window paning; what little there is is made from reclaimed glass.
- g) Safety glass for automobile windows called Securite.
- h) Glass for automobile headlights.
- i) Optical glass; when spectacles are broken, it takes about 10 day to replace the lenses. Colored glasses are usually made from celluloid.
- j) Lenses of all types; magnifying glasses are practically unobtainable. Camera lenses, though obtainable in some areas at the Central Goods Store (Centralny Dom Towarowy) (CDT), are very expensive.
- k) Bottles of all types are very difficult to obtain; customers now bring their own bottles to pharmacies when they wish medicine or when they want to purchase liquids in other types of stores.
- l) Laboratory glassware is extremely scarce, especially thermometers, glass tubing and beakers.

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